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SUBJECT: APEC: INVITATION TO APEC FOOD DEFENSE WORKSHOP

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We shared the invitation letter to the Food Defense workshop, the workshop agenda and registration form with Valeriy Sorokin, Chief of the MFA's APEC Section. We also passed it to interested technical experts in the GOR Ministry of Agriculture. Sorokin had no comment about the workshop. If the Agriculture Ministry officials are able to attend, they will respond directly to the contact persons identified in reftel.

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